

REMARKS

Claims 17 – 19, 21, 24 – 27, and 31 – 35 have been examined. Claims 18 and 32 – 35 have been identified as allowable except for their dependence from rejected base claims.

The limitations of Claim 18 have accordingly been incorporated into Claim 17, and Claim 18 canceled. It is thus believed that Claim 17 and all claims dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

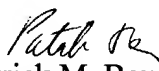
Claims 33 and 34 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 31 has been amended to depend from Claim 33 as so written and Claim 36 has been added to be identical to Claim 31 but to depend from Claim 34. Claims 27 and 35 have been canceled in accordance with these amendments. Since Claims 33 and 34 have been rewritten in a form identified as rendering them allowable, it is believed that they and the claims that depend therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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